

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 11 and 17-31 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Please amend claims 10 and 12-16 as follows:

10. (Amended) A punching machine, comprising:

a body frame having a table, the table supporting a workpiece to be worked;

a first positioning device mounted on the table, the first positioning device positioning the workpiece in a first direction;

a second positioning device mounted on the table, the second positioning device positioning the workpiece in the first direction; and

a working head mounted in the body frame so as to position in a second direction perpendicular to the first direction to punch the workpiece,

wherein the first positioning device and the second positioning device are arranged in series in the first direction, thereby the workpiece is positioned only in the first direction by one of the first positioning device and the second positioning device; and the workpiece is not positioned in the second direction; and

wherein the first positioning device and the second positioning device are constructed in a manner such that the first positioning device and the second positioning device may alternately position the workpiece in the first direction during punching operation.

12. (Amended) A punching machine according to Claim 10, wherein the workpiece is sheet shaped material uncoiled from a coiled material.

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13. (Amended) A punching machine according to Claim 12, wherein the first positioning device is located at one side of the working head on the table; and the second positioning device is located at the other side of the working head on the table.

14. (Amended) A punching machine according to Claim 10, wherein the first positioning device includes a first claim⁷ to clamp a first margin of the workpiece in the first direction and a second clamp to clamp a second margin opposite to the first margin of the workpiece; and wherein the first clamp can be moved to approach the second clamp in the second direction.

15. (Amended) A punching machine according to Claim 14, wherein the first clamp is comprised of a plurality of clamps; and the second clamp is comprised of a plurality of clamps.

16. (Amended) A punching machine according to Claim 15, wherein the second positioning device includes a third clamp to clamp the first margin of the workpiece in the first direction and a fourth clamp to clamp the second margin opposite to the first margin of the workpiece; and